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1. Between 1 May and 31 July 1953, a serious outbreak of bubonic plague in North Kwangsi resulted in 4,100 deaths, according to Kwangsi Provincial Government statistics. The center of the epidemic was in Liuch'eng Hsien.
2. During mid-June, the Kwangsi Provincial Public Health Department (PPHD) and the Provincial Public Security Department introduced anti-plague measures and prohibited travel in and out of the following hsien which were declared plague areas:
 - a. Sanchiang (N 25-46, E 109-27)
 - b. Anhua (N 25-12, E 108-20)
 - c. Junghsien (approximately N 25-02, E 109-10)
 - d. T'ienho (N 24-50, E 108-40)
 - e. Loch'eng (N 24-47, E 108-54)
 - f. Ishan (N 24-33, E 108-38)
 - g. Liuch'eng
3. Joint research undertaken by the Kwangsi PPHD, the Ishan Hsien People's Hospital, and the Liuch'eng Hsien Military Hospital indicated that the bubonic plague germs had been carried to Kwangsi by Northeast Military Area sick and wounded Chinese Communist Army officers who had come from the northeast and had stopped in northeast Kwangsi, as well as by lumber crews working in southern Kwangtung (sic).

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